



# The Titanic Disaster: Loss of life

24 short hours ago, the greatest steam liner, the Titanic, sunk to the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean, the great liner struck an iceberg and plunged 4.5 km down and over 1300 died because of icy cold water.

Titanic sailed from Portsmouth on her maiden voyage to New York, and the captain wanted to make good time which meant lighting the last 4 boilers, to increase the speed. She set sail at 12pm April 10th 1912 and sunk at 2:20 AM April 15 1912.

People say it is all captain Smith's fault because he kept going full speed through an ice field to arrive one day early to make a record. The main reason why so many people died was because there weren't enough life boats for all of the people, and mostly half full (60%). The water tight compartments only went up to E deck so the water could easily spill over. It could have been avoided by staying still and not forcing water into the hull.

As the ship was going down, the Carpathia's radio officer was having one more minute, and picked up the distress call from Titanic. The Carpathia replied C.A.O (come at once). The Carpathia thought the kindest thing to do was take all 705 survivors to New York. 29 year old Elizabeth Allen said "I thought that ship was unsinkable".



Because the Titanic sank, the prime minister has made new rules such as: each ship must have enough life boats for all people and radio officers must be on duty for 24 hours. Some of the rich passengers that survived, were hoping to raise the ship but in the 1900s no one knew how to even find the ship let alone raise it. The captain went down with his ship as well as hundreds of men and woman and children who plunged as well as the ship down to the depths of the icy cold water.



This is a picture of the ill fainted liner.

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